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SUBJECT: FY 2006 IVLP - NOMINATION AND PART I BIODATA FOR TWO PRINCIPAL CANDIDATES AND TWO ALTERNATES FOR EURP - A PROJECT FOR YOUNG EUROPEAN LEADERS ON CURRENT SOCIAL, POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC ISSUES (OCTOBER 24 - NOVEMBER 11, 2005)

REF: STATE 004520

POST WOULD LIKE TO NOMINATE TWO PRINCIPAL CANDIDATES FOR SUBJECT PROGRAM: MR. PIERRE KANUTY; MR. BRUNO ERHARD. TWO ALTERNATES ARE NOMINATED FOR SUBJECT: MR. MANUEL MARTINEZ; MR. GUILLAUME RAGONNAUD.

START FIXED-FORMAT TEXT (PLEASE DO NOT EDIT):

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ECA-OFFICE: E/VGE

PROG-AGENCY-NAME:

POST-PROJ-ID: 273

ECA-PROJ-NO:

PROJ-NAME: FY 2006 - EURP A Project for Young European Leaders on current Social, Political and Economic Issues

START MEMO PROJ-DESC:

This project will provide young European leaders in politics, government, business, labor and the media the opportunity to examine current political, economic, and social issues at the federal, state, and local levels in the United States. The visitors will explore the historic and constitutional bases of U.S. foreign and domestic policy. They will gain a deeper understanding of the United States through exposure to the range of opinion influencing U.S. policy.

END MEMO PROJ-DESC:

PROJ-TYPE: Regional

PROG-TYPE: IV Grant Visitor

FY: 2006

DEPART-POST: 10/22/2005

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NOMINATING-POST-ID: 14544

FUNDING-CNTRY-ID:

STATUS: N

ORIGINATOR: P

SUBJ-DISC: Economics (General)

START BIO:

PREFIX: Mr.

F-NAME: Pierre

M-NAME:

L-NAME: Kanuty

SUFFIX:

POSITION-CODE: 0

PRINCIPAL?: Yes

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M-CNTRY: France

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M-CNTRY-ID: FR

M-ADDRTYPE: B

GENDER: M

DOB: 02/27/1972  
MAR-STAT: U  
BIRTH-CITY: Paris  
BIRTH-CNTRY: France  
CITIZ-CNTRY: France  
RES-CNTRY: France  
START MEMO POSITION:  
In charge of Public Relations and Webjournalist, Socialist  
Party, since 2002  
END MEMO POSITION:  
START MEMO OTHER-POSITIONS:  
Member of the executive committee of the Paris section of the  
Socialist Party, since 2003  
END MEMO OTHER-POSITIONS:  
START MEMO PREV-POSITIONS:  
1999-2000 - Webjournalist at "La Ligue de l'Enseignement"  
1998-2000 - Member of the Socialist Youth Movement Executive  
Committee  
1994-1999 - Member of the "Manifeste contre le Front National"  
National Committee (against racism)  
END MEMO PREV-POSITIONS:  
START MEMO US-TRAVEL:  
None  
END MEMO US-TRAVEL:  
START MEMO OTHER-TRAVEL:  
2003 - Slovenia (Congress)  
2000 - Andalusia (Tourism)  
1994 - London (Tourism)  
1988 - Caracas (Tourism)  
END MEMO OTHER-TRAVEL:  
START MEMO EDUCATION:  
1999 - Masters degree in public relations, politics and local  
administration; Master's paper on the electronic communication  
of the Ile-de-France region  
1998 - A four-year degree in political studies at the  
university of Paris I - Pantheon Sorbonne; Research paper on  
U.S. affirmative action  
1996 - Bachelor's degree in history at the university of Paris  
IV-Sorbonne; Research paper on the first months of Clinton  
presidency  
END MEMO EDUCATION:  
START MEMO MEMBERSHIPS:  
  
END MEMO MEMBERSHIPS:  
START MEMO PUBLICATIONS:  
  
END MEMO PUBLICATIONS:  
START MEMO SPEC-CONSID:  
  
END MEMO SPEC-CONSID:  
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ENGL-READ: 4  
ENGL-SPEAK: 4  
ENGL-COMP: 4  
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OTHER-LANG: Spanish  
OTHER-LANG-ID: QB  
READ: 0  
SPEAK: 0  
COMP: 0  
END OTHER-LANGS:  
START MEMO NOM-POST-OBJ:  
Since French political parties have recently begun attempting  
to push more minority candidates to the forefront, Mr.  
Kanuty's experience witnessing race relations in the U.S. and  
talking with Americans about such topics would be invaluable  
in demonstrating the extent of similar successes that can be  
had in France as well as the actions that should be avoided.  
Mr. Kanuty is in, and likely will be more prominent in,  
positions where he can disseminate his ideas and what he has  
learned. If the opportunity is taken now, he can be a great  
aid in helping others in France, especially among the minority  
and politically left communities, to have a greater  
appreciation for U.S. policy and goals.  
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END MEMO VIS-REC:  
NOMINATING-OFFICER: Sylvie Vacheret  
START MEMO NOMINATING-JUSTIFICATION:  
Pierre Kanuty has all the ideal characteristics of a candidate  
for this program. He is young, an ethnic minority, an expert  
in the field of International Relations, and holds a prominent  
position in the Socialist Party. Mr. Kanuty has shown an  
interest in politics since his university years when he  
concentrated his studies on history, political science, and  
communication in politics. As part of his research during this  
time, he wrote one of his papers on the Affirmative Action  
program in the United States and another on the early years of  
the Clinton presidency. Afterwards, he lost no time putting

what he had learned at the university to good use and, in 1998, he entered into the executive bureau of the Movement of Young Socialists. In 2002, he was able to use this experience to obtain a job involving greater responsibilities within the Socialist Party. In his current position, he is charged with making the goals and ideologies of the Socialist Party understandable to others by editing, on the internet, documents and papers that explain the party's official stance on important issues. Due to his background and specialization, he focuses especially on those documents dealing with foreign policy issues.

Mr. Kanuty is a rising star in the Socialist Party and is currently their webmaster and communications expert for subjects dealing with international relations. It is expected that his experience in these positions, combined with his strong qualifications, will translate into his becoming a member of a ministerial cabinet or even a European deputy should the Socialists regain power. Even if they do not come to hold the primary position in French politics, Mr. Kanuty, due to his aforementioned skills as well as his close ties to Dominique Strauss-Kahn and the former Minister for European Affairs, Pierre Moscovici, will become a leading member of the party and someone capable of influencing party position. His participation in an IV Program in the United States could have the effect both of making him more understanding of U.S. policy, as well as to some extent influencing his party as a whole either via his web-based work or his almost certain future advancements.

Being part of an IV Program in the U.S. would lead to Pierre Kanuty's better understanding of U.S. foreign policy, thereby impacting his work in the Socialist Party. This is important because the political left in France is not traditionally very sympathetic to U.S. policy and the more they are offered opportunities to personally interact with the United States, the more understanding they may become. Furthermore, as a minority candidate, his participation in a program in the U.S. could broaden his knowledge of, and give him some practical experience with, the American approach to race relations.

END MEMO NOMINATING-JUSTIFICATION:

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VIS-GOVT-AMT: 0

COMMISSION: 0

OTHER-AMOUNT: 0

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VIS-CAT:

END BIO:

START BIO:

PREFIX: Mr.

F-NAME: Bruno

M-NAME:

L-NAME: Erhard

SUFFIX:

POSITION-CODE: 0

PRINCIPAL?: Yes

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M-ADDRTYPE: B

GENDER: M  
DOB: 09/07/1968  
MAR-STAT: S  
BIRTH-CITY: Strasbourg  
BIRTH-CNTRY: France  
CITIZ-CNTRY: France  
RES-CNTRY: France  
START MEMO POSITION:  
Chief of Staff of Francois Bayrou, since July 2004  
END MEMO POSITION:  
START MEMO OTHER-POSITIONS:  
In charge of international affairs for the UDF Political Party, since July 2004  
END MEMO OTHER-POSITIONS:  
START MEMO PREV-POSITIONS:  
2000-2004 - Executive Director, Montaigne Institute (think tank)  
2000-2004 - Chief of Staff of Claude Bebear (founder of AXA insurance group and president of Montaigne Institute)  
1993-1997 - Personal Assistant to Sir James Goldsmith  
1994-1999 - Deputy Secretary General of a political group in the European Parliament  
END MEMO PREV-POSITIONS:  
START MEMO US-TRAVEL:  
December 2003 - San Francisco and Chicago, 8 days part of the program of the "Institut des Hautes Etudes de l'Entreprise"  
November 2003 - Washington and New York, 8 days tour of think tanks  
September 2003 - Washington, 5 days Young Leaders Program of the French-American Foundation  
END MEMO US-TRAVEL:  
START MEMO OTHER-TRAVEL:  
1995-1997 - London, work with Sir James Goldsmith  
END MEMO OTHER-TRAVEL:  
START MEMO EDUCATION:  
1993 - D.E.A. (one-year post-graduate degree) in European law, University of Paris II (Assas)  
1993 - D.E.A. (one-year post-graduate degree) in Comparative law, University of Paris I  
1990 - Degree in Political Science, Institute of Political Studies of Bordeaux  
END MEMO EDUCATION:  
START MEMO MEMBERSHIPS:  
Selected for the Young Leaders Program of the French-American Foundation (2003-2004)  
Participant to the "Remarque Forum" (New York University - 2003-2004)  
END MEMO MEMBERSHIPS:  
START MEMO PUBLICATIONS:  
2002 - 2003  
"Comment ameliorer le travail parlementaire", Institut Montaigne  
"Europe Presence", Institut Montaigne  
END MEMO PUBLICATIONS:  
START MEMO SPEC-CONSID:  
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FIRST-LANG: French  
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ENGL-COMP: 3  
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In his capacity as the chief of the UDF party's foreign relations committee, nominee is a key player in determining the positions taken by the party and party leader Francois Bayrou on U.S. issues. (Bayrou, incidentally, is a perennial contender for the presidency and, though the leader of a smaller party, he enjoys considerable credibility among the public at large.) In this time of widespread French public disapproval of the U.S., it is particularly important that those who shape political parties' positions on the U.S. understand well both the goals and the making of U.S. foreign policy. Providing for a political party's better understanding of U.S. foreign policy can have a multiplier effect on the French public's understanding of the U.S. -- which is a key MPP Public Affairs objective.  
END MEMO NOM-POST-OBJ:  
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END MEMO VIS-REC:  
NOMINATING-OFFICER: William Owen, Marie-Claude Dumay  
START MEMO NOMINATING-JUSTIFICATION:  
Nominee is among the rising stars of the UDF party, a centrist, Europe-focused party likely to benefit from deep divisions on the right (UMP) and lack of strong leadership on the left (PS). Mr. Erhard has the confidence of party leader Francois Bayrou, who recently chose Erhard -- at the young age of 34 -- to act both as Bayrou's Chief of Staff and as chairman of the party's foreign affairs committee, a position that brings with it a seat on the party's executive committee. It is

clearly a U.S. interest that those with policy-development responsibilities, in centrist political parties focused on supporting continued European integrations (like the UDF), have a good understanding of the U.S. and the reasons for our foreign policy positions.

END MEMO NOMINATING-JUSTIFICATION:

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NOTIFY-EMB: No

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VIS-GOVT-AMT: 0

COMMISSION: 0

OTHER-AMOUNT: 0

VIS-AMOUNT: 0

VIS-CAT:

END BIO:

START BIO:

PREFIX: Mr.

F-NAME: Manuel

M-NAME:

L-NAME: Martinez

SUFFIX:

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M-ADDR3:

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M-STATE:

M-CNTRY: France

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M-ADDRTYPE: B

GENDER: M

DOB: 06/30/1969

MAR-STAT: M

BIRTH-CITY: Montreuil-sous-Bois

BIRTH-CNTRY: France

CITIZ-CNTRY: France

RES-CNTRY: France

START MEMO POSITION:

City Counselor of Montreuil, since June 1995

END MEMO POSITION:

START MEMO OTHER-POSITIONS:

Deputy Mayor of Montreuil, in charge of the inter-municipal economic development, since 1998

Member of the General Council of Seine-Saint-Denis Department, since March 2004

Member of the Socialist Party, since 1992

Human Resources Director, Hermes International Paris, since July 2002

END MEMO OTHER-POSITIONS:

START MEMO PREV-POSITIONS:

1999-2002 - Personnel and Communication Manager, United Biscuits (BN, Delacre, Verkade, ...) Paris, Nantes and Lille

1997-1999 - Managing Consultant in the Human Resources Department, Gemini Consulting, Paris

1995-1997 - Business Development Manager, Lotus Development (IBM), Paris

1993-1995 - Senior Consultant, Andersen Consulting (Arthur Andersen & Cie), Paris

END MEMO PREV-POSITIONS:

START MEMO US-TRAVEL:

1997 - Florida, 2 weeks tourism

1995 - California, 3 weeks tourism

1994 - Illinois, 2 weeks training

END MEMO US-TRAVEL:

START MEMO OTHER-TRAVEL:

END MEMO OTHER-TRAVEL:

START MEMO EDUCATION:

1994 - Two weeks in Saint Charles, ILL, at Andersen Consulting training center

1987-1991 - CESEM (Groupe Ecole Supérieure de Commerce de Reims)-Reims Business School, specialization in marketing, international finance and personnel management

END MEMO EDUCATION:

START MEMO MEMBERSHIPS:

END MEMO MEMBERSHIPS:

START MEMO PUBLICATIONS:

June 1994 - Co-author of a handbook on marketing (Editions d'Organisation)

END MEMO PUBLICATIONS:

START MEMO SPEC-CONSID:

END MEMO SPEC-CONSID:

FIRST-LANG: French

ENGL-READ: 3

ENGL-SPEAK: 3

ENGL-COMP: 3

START OTHER-LANGS:

OTHER-LANG: Spanish

OTHER-LANG-ID: QB

READ: 5

SPEAK: 5

COMP: 5

END OTHER-LANGS:

START MEMO NOM-POST-OBJ:

We would like Mr. Martinez to begin to further understand the fundamental pressures and the checks and balances inherent in democracy as it is practiced in the U.S. We want him to experience first-hand the vitality of US civic life, the role of local associations, and the relationships between various ethnic communities in order to understand the way representative government in the U.S. differs from France. We would also like him to develop a greater appreciation for the benefits of public-private partnerships in economic development (less governmental intervention and more reliance on private initiatives). Fundamentally, we think that in the future when he will obtain more influential elected positions, he will be a more effective partner for U.S. leaders and be more open to American investment, if he understands us better.

END MEMO NOM-POST-OBJ:

START MEMO NOM-POST-RCMD:

Manuel Martinez could be part of a European program for young leaders, as his interests are quite broad, ranging from democracy to education, health issues, immigration and housing.

END MEMO NOM-POST-RCMD:

START MEMO VIS-OBJ:

END MEMO VIS-OBJ:

START MEMO VIS-REC:

END MEMO VIS-REC:

NOMINATING-OFFICER: Sylvie Vacheret

START MEMO NOMINATING-JUSTIFICATION:

At the age of 35, Manuel Martinez has already had a successful professional career in business and politics. As Director of Human resources at Hermes, a prestigious and well-known luxury firm, he has earned a position of great responsibility in a major company where he directly supervises 600 people and indirectly oversees 2400 people worldwide. In addition to his business savvy, Manuel Martinez has also shown a strong interest in politics since his teenage years. In his early twenties he joined the Socialist Party, became an elected municipal official at 26, and a deputy mayor of Montreuil, a Parisian suburb, at 29. In the 2004 elections, he defeated the Communist candidate to be elected to the General Council of Seine-Saint Denis department in a district where the Communist Party has never lost. In addition to this new role, he continues on as Deputy Mayor of Montreuil: the third largest town in the Paris suburbs (90,000 inhabitants) with a large immigrant population and a long industrial history. Although his town is changing and now attracts more service-oriented industries and more middle-class inhabitants, it still has more than 2,800 firms employing 37,500 people. As a result of his educational and professional background, Manuel Martinez purposely chose to be active in the economic development of his hometown.

Manuel Martinez aims to be the next mayor of Montreuil in the upcoming 2008 elections. The Socialist Party has a very real chance of winning this time since the town is becoming less industrial, the Communist Party is losing credibility, and the current Communist mayor has held this office for what many consider to have been far too long. He will also likely be the substitute (suppleant) of the runner to the National Assembly. In the General Council of Seine-Saint-Denis, a Communist Party stronghold, the Socialists also hope to elect more officials in the coming years which will mean more influential high-level positions. If these scenarios do play out, Manuel Martinez could reach one of the top positions in the Assembly

and be very influential in his party. Manuel Martinez's previous travels to the United States were only for brief periods of time as a tourist or a student developing his business skills. It would be advantageous to send him at this juncture where he, a future French leader, could discover America's political system, its economic vitality, and its melting pot culture and history. He would be able to draw clear connections with his town of Montreuil and its immigrant heritage and in the process develop a clearer understanding of and appreciation for American policy. This is something he could take home and share with his French and immigrant neighbors and as a leader within his party.

END MEMO NOMINATING-JUSTIFICATION:

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COMMISSION: 0

OTHER-AMOUNT: 0

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VIS-CAT:

END BIO:

START BIO:

PREFIX: Mr.

F-NAME: Guillaume

M-NAME:

L-NAME: Ragonnaud

SUFFIX:

POSITION-CODE: 0

PRINCIPAL?: No

M-ADDR1: Federation Nationale des Syndicats

M-ADDR2: d'Exploitants Agricoles (FNSEA)

M-ADDR3: 11, rue de la Baume

M-CITY: Paris

M-STATE:

M-CNTRY: France

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M-CNTRY-ID: FR

M-ADDRTYPE: B

GENDER: M

DOB: 05/07/1978

MAR-STAT: S

BIRTH-CITY: Valencia

BIRTH-CNTRY: Spain

CITIZ-CNTRY: France

RES-CNTRY: France

START MEMO POSITION:

Project Manager in the office of economic and international affairs, FNSEA (largest French farmer organization) - since 2003

END MEMO POSITION:

START MEMO OTHER-POSITIONS:

END MEMO OTHER-POSITIONS:

START MEMO PREV-POSITIONS:

July-October 2003 - Internship at BNP-Paribas Bank, risk management bank, in charge of risk studies for the food industry

March-September 2001 - Internship at GEVES (French planting seed organization) on biotech issues

July-August 2000 - Internship at Dow Agroscience Spain for seeds studies

END MEMO PREV-POSITIONS:

START MEMO US-TRAVEL:

None

END MEMO US-TRAVEL:  
START MEMO OTHER-TRAVEL:  
Spain (Valencia and Madrid) - 1978-79, 1993-96  
Germany (Freeburg) - 1980-88  
Morocco (Casablanca) - 1988-90  
: Mr. Ragonnaud's father was a professor in French overseas colleges

END MEMO OTHER-TRAVEL:  
START MEMO EDUCATION:  
2001-2003 - French Institute of Political and Economic Studies, post-graduate university degree in Economical Science  
1998-2001 - Paris University in Agronomy, master of science in Agriculture and Economics  
END MEMO EDUCATION:  
START MEMO MEMBERSHIPS:

END MEMO MEMBERSHIPS:  
START MEMO PUBLICATIONS:  
July 2002 - Perspectives Agricoles (monthly publication of the French grain industry): article on genotypic interactions in protein peas  
END MEMO PUBLICATIONS:  
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END MEMO SPEC-CONSID:

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COMP: 2

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NOMINATING-OFFICER: Marie-Cecile Henard

START MEMO NOMINATING-JUSTIFICATION:

Guillaume Ragonnaud is a young and bright person with a strong expertise in general farm policy and regulations specific to biotechnology, food safety and renewable energies. With his education in agriculture, economics and political science, and his first professional experience in the largest French farmers' union, he is expected to become a highly influential advisor to French leaders in agriculture. As he has never been to the United States, the International Visitor Program would be a unique opportunity to present him USG positions on a number of issues.

END MEMO NOMINATING-JUSTIFICATION:

NOM-OFF: AGR - U.S. Embassy, Paris, France

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